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CASO MARIA FERRAZ LON, aka  
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(OO:WFO)

Appeal # 80-1227  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies,  
for Alexandria and New Orleans two copies and for New York  
one information copy, of an T-1 dated and captioned as  
above, setting forth results of interview of the subject on  
2/10/70 by WFO's

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b7E per FBI

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b7C per FBI

Enclosed T-1 is classified "Secret" inasmuch as  
information contained therein,

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retain the classification of at least "Confidential" in  
order not to reveal the Bureau's investigative interest in  
an employee of an international organization. (S) (u)

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WFO T-1 is  
contacted by SA  
at Havana, Cuba. At the time of contact, stated

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that the investigation with reference to [redacted] had been requested of him by [redacted]

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[redacted] He urged that the information he furnished be very discreetly used and that every precaution be taken in hiding the identity of the source. The information furnished by [redacted] was originally reported in report of SA [redacted] dated [redacted] entitled [redacted] aka; [redacted] aka. IS - CU" Bufile 105-39716 and WFO file 105-12831. (S) (u) (S) Source: 2 u

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UF T-2 is [redacted] Information from [redacted] was originally reported in Bufile to the [redacted] dated [redacted] entitled as above. (S) (u) (S) Source: 2

UF T-3

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A review of WFO files reflects a report of [redacted] at New Orleans dated 1/29/41 entitled [redacted] INTERNAL SECURITY - R," Bufile 61-6720, Bufile 100-326 and WFOfile 100-942, which indicated that on 4/23/40, following the All-Southern Youth Conference in New Orleans, a meeting was held in C.I. headquarters. In attendance at this meeting was one [redacted] Reference is also made in this report to the effect that a report re [redacted] was submitted. U

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WFO files also contained a photostatic copy of the official ballot of the National Maritime Union of America. One [redacted] (Deck No. 10205) was listed as a candidate for Joint Patrolman of the Port of New Orleans. He was described on the ballot as being a communist or communist sympathizer. This ballot was contained in WFO file 61-39 entitled "MARITIME INDUSTRY, IS - R." U

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It is noted that interview of the subject was such that the length of it was a definite factor for consideration in view of his scheduled commitments as well as the nature of information developed in the interview. It is felt that subsequent to the additional investigation contemplated by WFO (and in the absence of derogatory information resulting therefrom which might preclude such action),

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Also

in view of derogatory information concerning subject's deceased brother, MAURILIO, and the latter's wife, leads are being set out for appropriate record checks at the Bureau and NO concerning them. During subsequent interviews ~~(S)~~ Sources: 142

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with the subject, if they are warranted, consideration will be given to developing additional background data concerning

[REDACTED]

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to check indices concerning

[REDACTED]

and furnish all available information to WFO. U

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LEADS

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ALABAMA

[REDACTED]

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will review indices re subject's brother, MAURILIO FLORES and [REDACTED] Will also review indices re [REDACTED] and attempt to determine if identical with [REDACTED] Will also conduct criminal checks re [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] U

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will, as outlined above, consider recontacting the subject subsequent to the receipt of investigation requested. U

It is requested that leads in this case be handled expeditiously. U

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Washington, D. C. 20535

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CARLO MARIA I. FRACUT LAST  
NAME I. FRACUT - CUBA

On February 10, 1970, captioned subject advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he is currently employed as Chief of the Agricultural Section, Division of International Development Projects, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Washington, D. C. (IDB), noting that he has been employed at IDB since 1962, when he came to the United States (U.S.) from Cuba. (S) (u) (S) Source 1 (u)

Subject further advised that he was the part of various allegations having been a communist who he was in Cuba, the subject categorically denied membership, past or present, in any communist and/or attendance at meetings or in social groups, political or otherwise. He specifically denied having registered with the Partido Socialista de Cuba (Socialist Party) (PSP), explaining that in 1962 he received a fellowship grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for study in the U.S. and was in the U.S. during 1962 and 1963. Sometime during this period, he claimed his name must have been fraudulently placed in registration for the PSP. He commented that it was an old practice for the PSP to fraudulently register names of persons not registered with a political party in Cuba. (S) (u) (S) Source 1 (u)

Subject further claimed that his parents and family had not been associated with any type of communist organization in Cuba. With specific reference to his father, the subject stated his father was not a member of the PSP or (S) (u) (S) Source 1 (u)

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JOSE MARIA PERRIGUT LEON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

of Partido Union Revolucionaria Comunista (Communist Revolutionary Union Party - PURC), however, again citing the possibility that his name, like many others, could have fraudulently been used in a registration list. ~~(S)~~(u)(S) Source u

Regarding [redacted] however, subject advised that [redacted]

[redacted] According to the subject, [redacted]

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Subject commented on the absurdity of any allegations that he was a member of any communist cell as a college student in the 1920's, inasmuch as he was born in 1913. He stated he attended the University of Havana from 1935 to 1939, having graduated with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Subject denied membership or affiliation with any political organization during his years of study at the University. ~~(S)~~(u)(S) Source u

Regarding an allegation that subsequent to having done research in the U.S. in the 1940's, he returned to Cuba and prepared some anti-American literature which was never actually published, subject categorically denied having done this. He exhibited a manuscript entitled "La Politica Economica-Agraria De Los Estados Unidos Con Especial Referencia Al Credito Agricola" (The Economic-Agrarian Policy of the United States With Special Reference to Farm Credit) which he prepared in 1943 after his above described study in the U.S. He explained that this manuscript, which never was published as a book, was an agricultural study which in no manner referred to the U.S. in derogatory fashion. He added that significantly the manuscript was typed at the American Embassy in Havana. ~~(S)~~(u)(S) Source u

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MARIA FERRAGUT LEON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA.

Regarding other relatives, subject advised his brother, MAURILIO, left Cuba at the age of fourteen, came to the U.S. and joined the U.S. Merchant Marine. He was listed as "missing in action" in 1942, when his ship was sunk by a German U-Boat. The one and only time subject met his brother's wife was in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the time she received the "missing in action" report on her husband. Subject disclaimed any additional knowledge concerning her activities or political beliefs. (S) (X) (S) Source 1 (u)

As related by the subject, from approximately 1930 to 1938, he was employed in various positions for the Cuban Ministry of Agriculture. In 1948, he was elected President of the Association of Agronomists. Reiterating the fact that he was not a PSP member at this time or at any other time, subject pointed out that there were members of the Association of Agronomists who were members of the PSP. He specifically recalled that [redacted] was one of those. Subject commented that inasmuch as there were PSP members in this group of professionals, it is very possible he, too, could have been accused of being a PSP member through his association with this group. (S) (X) (S) Source 1 (u)

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Subject recalled that in 1951, when the Banco de Fomento Agrícola e Industrial de Cuba (Agricultural and Industrial Development Bank of Cuba) (BAMFAIC) came into being, he was appointed Manager of the Agricultural Division. He noted that he actually assisted in the drafting of the law which established BAMFAIC. In 1959, under Castro, subject was appointed President of BAMFAIC. At the same time he served as an unpaid consultant to the newly established National Institute of Agrarian Reform (INRA) and in the latter role met weekly, on Thursday, at INRA meetings presided over by Castro. Subject remarked that it was almost immediately evident that the popular Castro position at BAMFAIC meetings was quite different from his real position at INRA meetings. On the basis of what he heard at the INRA meetings with Castro, subject became convinced of poor management under the Castro Regime and the fact Cuba was heading for economic chaos. (S) (X) (S) Source 1 (u)

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CARLO MARIA FERRAGUTI LEON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

It was on the basis of these economic factors, even prior to later realization of the danger of communism under Castro, that subject in September, 1959 first notified BANFAIC of his decision to leave Cuba. In January, 1960, he submitted his resignation to BANFAIC, but not much attention was paid to it since in late 1959 BANFAIC became a part of INRA and officials thought his resignation from BANFAIC was a type of routine administrative matter under this reorganization. In May, 1960, however, when it became evident to the appropriate officials that subject really intended to terminate his services and leave Cuba, his resignation was resubmitted. He gradually phased himself out of his duties by more frequent absences from the office as the weeks went. In August, 1960, he left Cuba and accepted employment with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Bolivia. He continued employment with FAO until June, 1962. In July of that year he came to the U.S. and commenced employment with the BID. (S)(M)(U) Source 1

In furnishing a brief resume of his activities in the U.S. since his arrival here in 1962, subject advised he has maintained a non-vociferous but sustained anti-Castro position relative to Cuba. He remarked that his wife has been a bit more vocal in expression of her anti-Castro sentiments. Subject enunciated a position of support for the U.S. (S)(M)(U) Source 1 (u)

On September 27, 1955, WF T-1, a confidential source abroad, made available a report which reflected that the subject had a brother named Maurilio who had chosen American citizenship and who after the outbreak of the World War II served on an American transport ship which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy vessels. This brother was listed as missing in action. He was married to an American woman named [redacted] who resided in New Orleans, Louisiana, with her daughter also named [redacted]. (S)(M)(U) Source 1 (u)

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CASTO MARIA FERRAGUT LEON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

In April and June, 1943, WF T-2, a confidential source abroad, furnished information to the effect that one [redacted] was the brother-in-law of [redacted] Communist Party organizer at New Orleans, Louisiana. The source further furnished information to the effect that [redacted] was visiting his sister-in-law's home at [redacted] New Orleans, during April of 1943. Source observed a letter addressed to [redacted] from [redacted] New York City. Source also observed a list of names and addresses in the possession of [redacted] which included the name of [redacted] B.A.E. [redacted] U.S. Department of Agriculture, WDC. (S) (u) (u) Source 1

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WF T-2,

[redacted] The report makes reference to one Manuel Puig Jimenez. (It is to be noted that subject mentioned that one Manuel Puig, a member of the Association of Agronomists, was a PSI member.) The report denoted that Fr. Quiterio Hernandez, President of the Colegio Provincial de la Havana de Ingenieros Agronomos (Havana Province School of Agricultural Engineers) and Director of the Santiago de las Vegas Agricultural Experimental Station, advised that an individual by the name of Puig, delegate of Linar del Rio to the National Executive Committee of the School of Agricultural Engineers, was a communist. The report further indicated that Manuel Puig Jimenez, the son of Jose Manuel Puig Alfaro and Flora Jimenez Acosta, was born in Havana on July 22, 1911. He was described as single, tall with dark hair and black eyes. He received a degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Havana in October, 1939. On May 26, 1945, "Hoy," outlawed PSI newspaper, published a statement to the effect that Manuel Puig Jimenez, member of the executive (S) Source 2

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TO HENRY PIERICUT LEON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

...stitute of the Asociacion Nacional Campesina (National  
Farmer's Association) and a member of the Comision Technica-  
Parlamentaria (Parliamentary Technical Commission) of the  
... would speak that evening on the program "Trinchera de  
Ideas" (Entrenchment of Ideas) over the PSP radio station.  
Mil Diez. ~~(S)~~ Source 2

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